

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	09/615,938	SHIMAZAKI ET AL.
	Examiner Mary Kate B. Baran	Art Unit 2857

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to the request for continued examination filed 19 August 2004.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-11.
3. The drawings filed on 21 January 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
 of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. This action is responsive to the Amendments filed 19 August 2004. Claims 1-11 are pending. Claims 9-11 are new.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 9-11 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1-4 and 9-11 are allowable over the prior art because a simulation method of analyzing electromagnetic interference developing in an LSI, comprising a correction step of correcting the amplitude of a current estimation waveform in each simulated node which has been previously prepared for each change in each simulated node, in accordance with the probability of variation in each simulated node is not found, taught or suggested in the prior art of record.

Claims 5 and 6 are allowable over the prior art because a method of analyzing electromagnetic interference developing in an LSI, comprising: a waveform formation step of forming a current estimation waveform which has been prepared for each change in each simulated node, as if the waveform randomly arises within a plurality of predetermined cycles, in accordance with the probability of change in each simulated node and a time at which a signal arrives at each simulated node is not found, taught or suggested in the prior art of record.

Claim 7 is allowable over the prior art because a method of analyzing electromagnetic interference developing in an LSI, comprising: a waveform formation step of forming a current estimation waveform which has been prepared for each change in each simulated node, as if the waveform randomly arises within a plurality of predetermined cycles, in accordance with the probability of change in each simulated node and a distribution probability of time is not found, taught or suggested in the prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

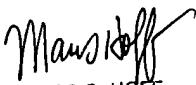
Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mary Kate B. Baran whose telephone number is (571) 272-2211. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Marc S. Hoff can be reached on (571) 272-2216. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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